

**TOWN OF GRAND RAPIDS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 27, 2008**

Meeting Place: Grand Rapids Municipal Building, 2410 48th Street South, Wisconsin Rapids, WI

Present: Chairman Don Bohn, Supervisors Arne Nystrom, Jeanne Fehrman, Edward Hellner and Bill Clendenning, Building Inspector Lorelei Fuehrer, Treasurer Kristine Ginter, Clerk Judy McLellan.

Absent:

Excused:

NOTE: (*) indicates agenda item of when Board member joined the meeting.

Notices of the meeting were legally posted at The Store in Kellner, the Grand Rapids Garage and the Grand Rapids Municipal Building, and published in the Daily Tribune.

The Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Don Bohn.

1. **Approve minutes of May 13, 2008 Town Board Meeting.** Motion (Hellner/Fehrman) to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried.
2. **Application of Laurie Ginzel for a C.U.P. for a 24'X27' detached garage in structure setback at 5820 Pineway Dr.** Motion (Clendenning/Hellner) to approve resolution 2008-17 for the C.U.P. with the size amended to 24'X28' for a detached garage in structure setback at 5820 Pineway Dr. Motion carried.
3. **Application of Greg McDonald, 1320 32nd St. N for a C.U.P. to dig out and enlarge pond, removing fill and transporting it to 2820 Plover Rd. in the Village of Biron.** Motion (Clendenning/Fehrman) to approve resolution 2008-20 for the C.U.P to enlarge pond and remove fill to 2820 Plover Rd. Motion carried.
4. **Presentation of "Speak Your Peace" by Community Foundation.**
5. **Approval/Denial of Resolution 2008-19 Speak Your Peace Commitment.** Motion (Fehrman/Hellner) to approve resolution 2008-19 to adopt the concepts of "Speak Your Peace". Motion carried
6. **Approval/Denial of application for temporary Class B Picnic License by Make-A-Wish Foundation for event to be held at Neinfeldt Cycle, 4811 Plover Rd, June 7, 2008.** Motion (Hellner/Nystrom) to approve license as presented. Motion carried.
7. **Approval/Denial of Clerk and Treasurer attending Clerk/Treasurer Institute in Green Bay July 13-18.** Motion (Clendenning/Hellner) to approve Clerk and Treasurer attending Institute in Green Bay July 13-18. Motion carried.
8. **Approval/Denial of Donation to Fire Works Fund for July 4, 2008 Fireworks display in City of WR.** Motion (Nystrom/Fehrman) to approve \$1000 donation as was budgeted. Motion carried
9. **Approval/Denial of application for Provisional Beverage Operators License.** Motion (Fehrman/Hellner) to deny the application of Deborah Hertel for a Provisional Beverage Operators License based on police background check. Motion carried.
10. **Approval/Denial of Resolution # 2008-13 to adopt Ordinance # 55 Regulating the Sale or Use of Fireworks.** Motion (Nystrom/Clendenning) to approve resolution # 2008-13 as presented. Motion carried.
11. **Approval/Denial of Resolution # 2008-14 to adopt Ordinance # 54 Regulating Portable Storage Containers.** Discussion was held as to how long the containers would be allowed to be used before a permit was required. Motion (Clendenning/Hellner) to amend the resolution and ordinance to read: The permits shall be issued by the Zoning Administrator and shall be at a cost of twenty dollars (\$20) per zoning lot on which one or more containers are to be located on site for longer than fifteen (15) days. Motion carried. Motion (Hellner/Clendenning) to adopt resolution # 2008-14 as amended. Motion carried.

Motion (Clendenning/Fehrman) to move to item 18. Motion carried

- 18. Discussion on rough draft of new Wild and Exotic Animals Ordinance.** Building Inspector Lorelei Fuehrer had given the board a definition of wild and exotic animals that she had found. Nanci Kinney, Wood County Human Officer and a representative from Wood County Humane Society were present to answer questions. Ms. Kinney stated that if the town does not have an ordinance prohibiting wild, exotic or dangerous animals there is nothing that they can legally do. Motion (Nystrom/Fehrman) to send back to Zoning Administrator for additional research. Motion carried.
- 12. Approval/Denial of Resolution # 2008-15 to amend Ordinance # 2 Regulating Burning, to include fines and charges to anyone that fails to extinguish a fire, for the cost of extinguishing said fire.** Motion (Fehrman/Hellner) to approve resolution # 2008-15 as presented. Motion carried.
- 13. Approval/Denial resolution # 2008-16 to amend Ordinance # 39 Schedule of Fees and Forfeitures to include the new ordinances and changes to existing ordinances as adopted by resolution 2008-13,14 and 15.** Motion (Clendenning/Fehrman) to approve resolution # 2008-16 as presented. Motion carried.
- 14. Establishment of Police and Fire Commission and Appointment of Police and Fire Commissioners.** Motion (Nystrom/ Fehrman) Per Wis. Stats 60.56 (1) (am) (1) to establish a five member commission to act under Wis. Stat. 62.13 (5) as a Police and Fire Commission. Motion carried. Motion (Nystrom/Fehrman) Per Wis. Stat. 60.56 (1) (am) (1) to pay the members of said commission paid per diems per town policy. Motion carried. Chairman Don Bohn made a recommendation to appoint as Police and Fire commissioners Kirk Willard, Luke Weiland, Don Ewald, Bob Warren and Steve Knorr. Motion (Nystrom/Fehrman) to approve the chairman's appointments of Kirk Willard, Luke Weiland, Don Ewald, Bob Warren and Steve Knorr to the Police and Fire Commission for the Town of Grand Rapids. Motion carried. The five members' names were put into an envelope and randomly drawn to determine the length of their terms. The first name drawn for the 5 year term was Don Ewald, second name for 4 years was Kirk Willard, third name for 3 years was Luke Weiland, fourth name for 2 years was Bob Warren and Steve Knorr for 1 year. Motion (Nystrom/Hellner) to approve the terms of each commissioner as drawn. Motion carried.
- 15. Discussion of 2008 Road Projects.** Chairman Bohn presented a list and estimates of road projects that were discussed at the April Road Inspection. Projects include repairs to 32nd Street Chestnut to Washington, Brookhaven, Airport from 20th to 48th, Whitrock from 48th to 80th, Gene's Court, Curve St and 32nd Airport to Hwy W. Motion (Nystrom/Fehrman) to use the list presented as a guideline for 2008 road construction projects. List may be amended as seen fit based on actual costs of projects. Motion carried.
- 16. Discussion on Municipal Building roof problems.** Public Building Committee members Clendenning and Hellner reported that they were notified that the roof of the municipal building was leaking. Building Inspector Lorelei Fuehrer was asked to have contractors give an estimate for repairs. She reported that two contractors had looked at roof. The committee will continue to investigate, and will report at next meeting.
- 17. Solicitation of Input on Regional Promotion and Collaboration.** Chairman Bohn explained that leaders of the area communities have had a few meetings in which regional promotion and collaboration have been discussed. The community leaders wanted the boards to see the rough outline of what they hope the group can accomplish and to give ideas and suggestions as to if they felt that the group should continue or not. The group would be enlarged to include some or all of the board members. Supervisor Fehrman stated that she thought there were already enough groups looking at this type of agendas. She felt that it would be more productive to give time and effort to the established groups then to form another group. Chairman Bohn asked the board members to read the outline and give it some thought for a future discussion.
- 18. Discussed earlier in meeting (see above)**
- 19. Discussion on possible amendment to Ordinance # 48 Regulating Private Alarm Systems.** Police Chief Lewandowski stated that the current Ordinance required a permit through the Town of Grand Rapids at a cost of \$25. Wood County also requires a permit (\$25). In that the alarm systems need to be registered through the county and all alarms initially go to the county, he felt that the town did not need to require a permit. Board agreed to eliminate the permit at the town. Chief Lewandowski and Clerk McLellan will draft an amendment to the ordinance to be reviewed by the board.
- 20. Approval/Denial of Operators License Applications.** No applications at this time.

21. Other public input. None

- 22.** The Grand Rapids Town Board will move into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats Section 19.85 (1) (f) “considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific person, which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data” in regards to disciplinary action of employee. Motion (Nystrom/Fehrman) to move into closed session. A roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried. In closed session 8:40 p.m.

Motion (Hellner/Fehrman) to move into open session. A roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried. In open session 9:25 p.m.

Motion (Nystrom/Hellner) to adjourn. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Motion (Nystrom/ Fehrman) to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 7:44 p.m.

Minutes subject to board approval.

Respectfully submitted and approved
this _____ day of _____, 2008

Judy McLellan
Town Clerk